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Standing On The President

It remained for an Ohio democrat to prevent the prompt passage by the house of the resolution authorizing the president to open negotiations with the countries at war with Germany with a view to obtaining their consent to drafting into our armies their citizens living in this country. Unanimous consent was asked for the consideration, out of order, of the resolution, but the Ohio representative was quick with his "I object," and the matter was postponed to a later date. Doubtless this man is one of those who have been vociferous in their demands that democrats be sent to congress to insure support of the president and his war measures. His action in this case is characteristic of the source from which the most determined opposition to our emergency legislation has come during the present session.

The Minimum Price

The food control law recently enacted provides for a minimum price of \$2.00 per bushel for next year. This is a recognition of an important fact, or, rather, a series of important facts. It is an acknowledgment that the business of farming is precarious; that the farmer of all people is engaged in an undertaking whose profits are doubtful. It is also a recognition of the necessity of assuring an adequate production of food supplies.

These things are recognized at a time when the farmer is receiving the largest prices and reaping the largest profits in the history of agriculture in America. If this is true now, how much more important is it to recognize the same facts in ordinary times when the farmer is confronted by the prospect of only ordinary prices.

What is true of grain farming is true of other branches of agriculture. We have recently seen in the news despatches complaints that farmers are killing their young calves for veal instead of raising them and thereby producing a larger quantity of meat. Complaint is also made that farmers are killing poultry at a young age instead of raising it to mature size. In neither of these instances is the killing of young animals or fowls due to any desire on the part of the farmer to relieve himself of labor. If he kills young animals or poultry, it is because he has learned by experience that when he deducts the cost of feed from the price he receives for the mature animal, he finds that he has produced it at a loss. Whenever he finds that it will pay to raise these food products, there will be no complaint of the wholesale slaughter of the young.

Congress has attempted to solve the problem of grain farmer by fixing a minimum price. What will it do for the wool grower, the dairyman, the stockman, the fruit grower, and gardner?

Wheat Acreage Must Be Increased

More wheat must be grown. It is estimated that the Missouri acreage must be increased 30 per cent this fall over the acreage sown last fall if the state furnishes its quota of wheat needed in the United States and Europe. Concerning the necessity of increasing production J. C. Hackleman of the university of Missouri college of agriculture and chairman of the

seed stock committee of the Missouri Council of Defense has given the following interview to the press:

"There can be no question but that we are now facing a serious shortage of food in the world's store house and we must prepare to export more wheat during the next year and a half than ever before in the history of the United States.

"Our exports of wheat in 1916 were not to exceed 25 per cent of our production. During 1917 we must export 40 per cent and if this war continues longer than the next year, we may be compelled to exceed even that figure if we supply the food which our allies must have.

"Missouri has been asked in this great wheat stimulation program to increase the wheat acreage very materially over the acreage last fall. The increase necessary is about 30 per cent over the area sown last fall, but considering the harvested acreage this summer it will be necessary to increase from 1,539,000 acres to 2,400,000 acres.

"This increase means an average of about ten acres per farm instead of approximately seven as has been grown. The farmer, therefore, who sowed 20 acres of wheat last fall will sow at least 27 this fall. The man who sowed 50 acres will sow 65 to 70.

"Were it not for the fact that the world is hungry and the fact that there is an actual scarcity in the visible bread stuffs supply of the world, the farmers might be facing a glutted market. The condition of the world's food store, however, guarantees a heavy demand for all food produced, and especially is this true of the wheat from which the soldiers' bread must come.

"There never was a time in the history of the state and nation when the prospects were better for the farmer to make excellent profits from his farming operations. This is particularly true of wheat and the farmer who increases his acreage by 30 per cent will not only be rendering a patriotic service but he will at the same time be taking advantage of a good business opportunity.

"The college of agriculture at Columbia together with the United States department of agriculture are planning an extensive wheat campaign. In this work it is proposed to send representatives of the college of agriculture into all wheat counties of the state to give any assistance they can to the farmers.

"These county wheat campaigns will be arranged and handled by the members of the county councils of defense and the officers of the farmers' organizations of the county."

Cut The Weeds

Road overseers in many sections are neglecting to comply with the law which requires them to cut all weeds and brush growing on the right-of-way of public roads which come under their supervision. Many of our roads are too narrow, and the cutting of weeds by the wayside will make the roads more safe to travel, and unless the weeds are cut before the seeds ripen there will be a more bountiful crop to contend with next year.

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Richard L. Stratton, Pastor.

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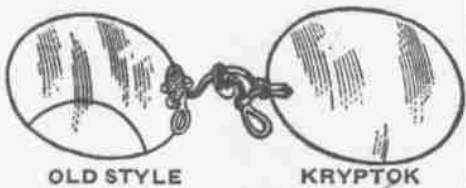
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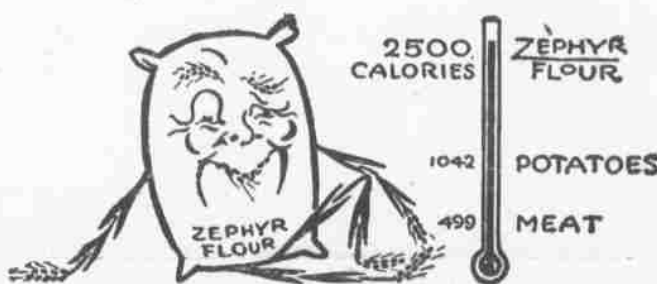
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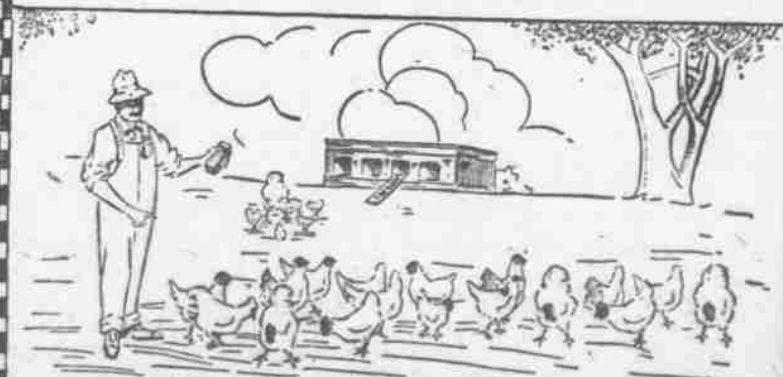
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